

**REMARKS**

Claims 23-30 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 1-22. No new matter has been added.

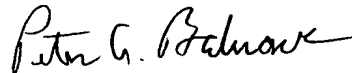
With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application Serial No. 10/155,075, Applicant hereby incorporates the claim of priority from Japanese Application 2001-158185 filed on May 28, 2001 and Japanese Application 2001-287357 filed on September 20, 2001, and claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

The prior application is assigned of record to Fuji Xerox Co., Ltd. at Reel 013115 and Frame 0080.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully submitted,



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